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THE FELICITATION CEREMONY OF

*Sanjoy Ghose Media Awards 2023*



**29<sup>th</sup>**

**FOUNDER'S DAY**

**6:30 PM | 7 DEC 2023**

AUDITORIUM, INDIA ISLAMIC CULTURAL CENTRE, NEW DELHI

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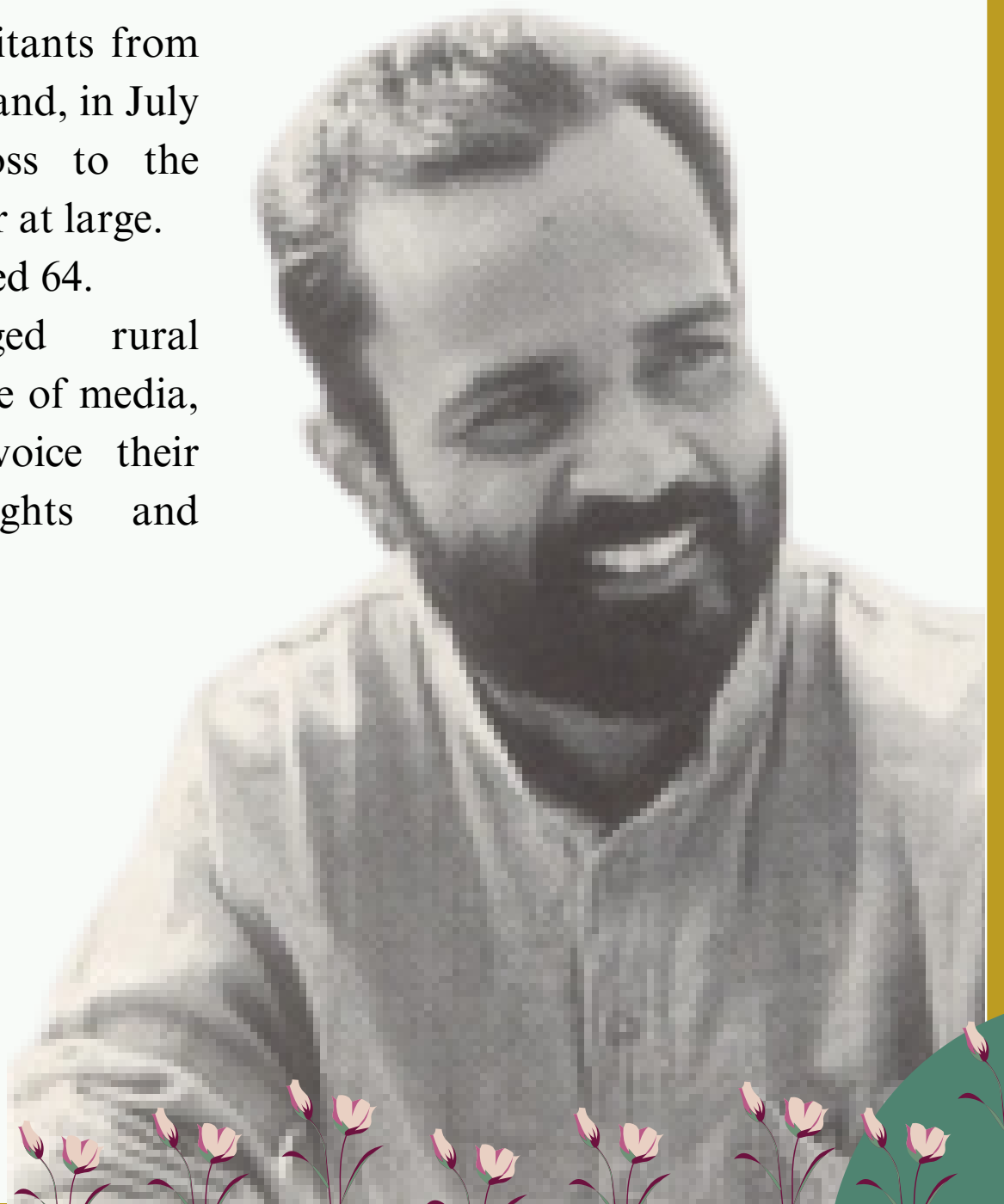
# Sanjoy Ghose

(1959-1997)

Sanjoy Ghose, a visionary and social activist, set up Charkha on October 24, 1994, to carry the voices of the rural poor to those who influence policy. His abduction by ULFA militants from Majuli, the world's largest riverine island, in July 1997, has been an irreparable loss to the institution and the development sector at large.

On this date, Sanjoy would have turned 64.

Charkha empowers disadvantaged rural communities, through the creative use of media, with the ability and means to voice their concerns and access their rights and entitlements.



# Key Note Speaker

## MEENU VADERA

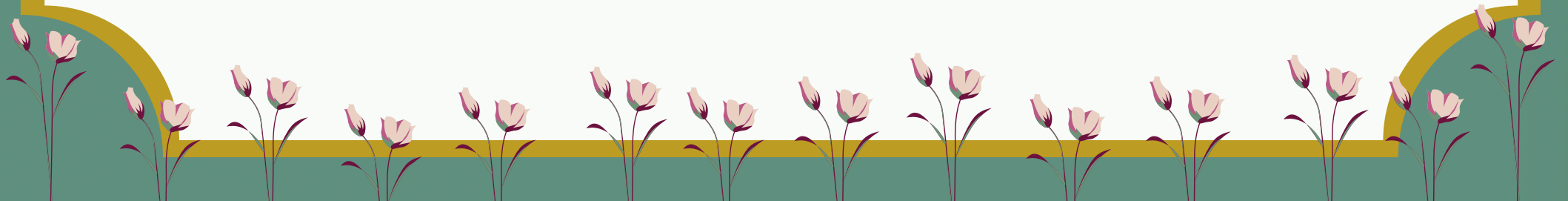
A graduate from London School of Economics with a M.Sc. in Social Policy and Planning, Meenu is the Founding Member & Executive Director, AZAD FOUNDATION, a social enterprise that supports resource poor women to gain “Livelihoods with dignity”. She has a work experience of over 20 years as a grassroots worker, trainer, implementer and a leader. She has also led an innovative initiative of Aagaz Academy-Schools of Leadership for elected women panchayat leaders.



# Guest Speaker

## NEELAM GRUNDY

Neelam has been an integral part of Charkha's team and the anchor of its project Disha in Uttarakhand since its inception in August 2021. Her journey from the small village of Charson in Garur mirrors Charkha's commitment to empowering not only young girls but also showcasing local talent, especially among women. Over the past two years, Neelam and the rest of the team have achieved the seemingly impossible, overcoming unique challenges from their respective backgrounds. There is no one better suited than her to be the guest speaker at our Founder's Day—an authentic voice from the ground. Neelam will share her experiences with the project, the girls, the local community, and the driving force that keeps her motivated.



# Programme Schedule

**Welcome**

**Usha Rai**  
President, Charkha

**Key Note Address**

**Meenu Vadera,**  
Founder, Azad Foundation

**SGMA 2023 -  
Felicitation Ceremony**

**Meenu Vadera**

**Guest Note**

**Neelam Grundy,**  
District Coordinator,  
Charkha's Project Disha

**Puppetry Performance**

**Disha Sakhis, Uttarakhand**

**Vote of Thanks**

**Chetna Verma**  
CEO, Charkha

*(Followed by High Tea)*



# Sanjoy Ghose Media Awards 2023

Instituted in 2003, the Media Awards have, over the years, mirrored virtually every facet of the development situation in India's remotest villages. Awarded to youth from the region itself, the writings focus on the challenges and strengths of the multicultural communities residing in these areas, especially women and young girls. The Award reflects Charkha's mandate of highlighting the voices of those forgotten at the fringes, particularly in conflict areas, as they grapple with circumstances they have little control over. The behind-the-scenes picture that doesn't make the headlines in the mainstream media finds a platform in Charkha's award-winning Trilingual Feature Service in English, Hindi, and Urdu.



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